

THE DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 2022, WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT AND DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER SHORTLY AFTER 10:00 A.M. BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO OUR FLAG.

LET THE RECORD SHOW THAT THE OCTOBER 19, 2022 REGULAR SESSION WAS VIDEO RECORDED AND IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME. IN ADDITION, THE REGULAR SESSION IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC VIEWING THROUGH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WEBSITE AT <https://www.youtube.com/user/clermontcounty/playlists>

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER BONNIE J. BATCHLER ACKNOWLEDGED FOR THE RECORD THAT COMMISSIONER CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER, WAS NOT PRESENT AT REGULAR SESSION ON OCTOBER 19, 2022.

IN RE: MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

To approve the minutes of Regular Session of **10/12/2022**.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER BATCHLER STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. SHE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE IN THE AUDIENCE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. NO ONE REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Michael McNamara, Director, Community and Economic Development, provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) regarding the Department's development of a strategic plan. Mr. McNamara shared the process of and reasoning behind preparing a strategic plan. This process included analysis of current conditions as well as brainstorming potential opportunities for development. Further, the Department sought input from local government and non-profit organization leaders to enhance the planning process. Mr. McNamara shared accomplishments of the Department in alignment with the plan. He shared the status of current projects, including the funding of Capital Bill 2022 projects and Route 32 improvements. Mr. McNamara further provided updates on major projects including "Hike-Bike-Paddle Connectivity," Beckjord redevelopment and a countywide housing study, as well as potential projects including a "Living History Museum." He thanked the Commissioners for their strong support of the Community and Economic Development Department.

Commissioner Batchler complimented the members of the Department on their talent and hard work.

Commissioner Painter thanked Mr. McNamara for his presentation and echoed his appreciation of the work of the Department. Commissioner Painter discussed the role of development in Clermont County and Ohio and is excited about future opportunities. (22-0103-002)

CONSENT AGENDA

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER BATCHLER STATED THAT A CONSENT AGENDA HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND REQUESTED WHETHER ANY BOARD MEMBER WANTED ANY ITEMS REMOVED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION AND UPON HEARING

NONE:

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendations:

1. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES/CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION...IV-D CONTRACT WITH RICHARD D. FEIL III FOR THE PURCHASE OF LEGAL SERVICES...22-1006-001...EXECUTED

Recommendation to execute a **IV-D Contract** between the Department of Job and Family Services/Child Support Enforcement Division and **Richard D. Feil III**, 1029 Main Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, **for the purchase of legal services, relative to Child Support Enforcement** at the rate of \$100.00 per unit/hour, for a total amount not to exceed 450 units/hours, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, effective for the period of 12/01/2022 through 11/30/2023 **and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.**

2. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES...OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES (ODJFS) TITLE IV-E CHILD PLACEMENT AGREEMENT WITH OHIO MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION SERVICES (MHAS)-BELMONT PINES HOSPITAL & RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTER (RTC) FOR RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT SERVICES...22-1012-004...APPROVED

Recommendation to authorize Susan Walther, Director, Department of Job and Family Services, to execute an **Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Title IV-E Child Placement Agreement** between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and **Ohio Mental Health and Addition Services (MHAS)-Belmont Pines Hospital & Residential Treatment Center (RTC)**, 615 Churchill-Hubbard Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44505 for residential treatment services for children referred by the Department of Job and Family Services and/or Clermont County Juvenile Court, at the rates identified therein, effective 09/01/2022 through 08/31/2023, in compliance with the terms and conditions specified therein, **and contingent upon the release of the required Purchase Order.**

3. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION...ELECTRONIC SUBSCRIPTION MEMBERSHIP REQUEST WITH ADOBE STOCK...22-1012-001...RATIFIED

Recommendation to approve the following amount for an **electronic subscription membership** for stock photos to enhance newsletters, flyers, brochures and social media, between the County of Clermont, Ohio and **Adobe Stock**, at the not to exceed rate and term outlined below and to authorize the County Auditor to remit the payment(s) accordingly.

| Vendor | Subscription | Not to Exceed Rate | Term |
|--|---|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adobe Stock 345 Park Avenue San Jose, CA 95110 | Stock photos to enhance county newsletters, flyers, brochures, social media, etc. | \$359.88 Annually | 10/12/2022 through 10/11/2023 |

4. IN RE: TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES...APPROVED

Recommendation to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2022 and any amendments:

CLERMONT COUNTY COURT OF COMMON PLEAS/DOMESTIC RELATIONS DIVISION

Mary Lynne Birck and Penny Ann Gates – (2) days – Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Association of Domestic Relations Judges – 2022 Domestic Relations Fall Seminar – total expenses for lodging

(\$244.00), mileage (\$262.08), registration (\$100.00) and other (\$39.03), estimated not to exceed \$645.11.

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Tracie Braun – (3) days – Columbus, Ohio – County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) – 2022 Winter Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$400.00), meals (\$96.00) and registration (\$475.00), estimated not to exceed \$971.00.

COUNTY AUDITOR

Krissy Broussard, Chris Mehlman and Cindy Hawk – (4) days – Dublin, Ohio – total expenses for lodging (\$1,545.00), meals (\$768.00), mileage (\$136.64), registration (\$750.00) and other (\$120.00), estimated not to exceed \$3,319.64.

DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

Theresa Ellison, Richele Stroop and Christel Brown – (1) day – Columbus, Ohio – Ohio Child Support Directors’ Association – Director/Administrator/Supervisor Human Resources Training – estimated costs not to exceed \$0.00.

5. IN RE: PERSONNEL ACTIONS...APPROVED

* THE OFFICIAL RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, RELATIVE TO PERSONNEL ACTIONS IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION UPON REQUEST MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME.

6. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY ACTIONS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022...RATIFIED

Recommendation to resolve to approve and authorize financial/budgetary actions pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.40 as they relate to changes in the Annual Appropriation (**Resolution Number 187-21**) for Calendar Year 2022, including legal level of control, and/or interfund transactions pursuant to Sections 5705.13 through 5705.14 of the Ohio Revised Code as outlined in the following table(s) and to authorize Linda L. Fraley, County Auditor, to properly record same:

BUDGET TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

| FUND | FROM: ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT | TO: ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT | AMOUNT |
|--|---|--|--------------------|
| MUNI CT INTENSIVE PROBATION | Muni Court Intensive Probation FRINGE BENEFITS 2211 - 04 - 12 - 363000 - 520000 - | Muni Court Intensive Probation REGULAR SALARY 2211 - 04 - 12 - 363000 - 511200 - | \$ 5,675.00 |
| SEWER REVENUE | Sewer Treatment REGULAR SALARY 6002 - 12 - 01 - 153000 - 511200 - | Sewer Treatment RETIREMENT PAYOUT 6002 - 12 - 01 - 153000 - 513200 - | \$ 7,350.00 |

APPROPRIATION CHANGES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022

| <u>FUND</u> | <u>ORGANIZATION - OBJECT - ACCOUNT</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| FLEET MAINTENANCE | Fleet Maintenance REGULAR SALARY 8002 - 00 - 01 - 176000 - 511200 - | \$ (26,000.00) |
| FLEET MAINTENANCE | Fleet Maintenance FRINGE BENEFITS 8002 - 00 - 01 - 176000 - 520000 - | \$ (13,000.00) |

| | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| FLEET MAINTENANCE | Fleet Maintenance | \$ 39,000.00 |
| | OTHER EXPENSES | |
| | 8002 - 00 - 01 - 176000 - 530000 - | |

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

NON-CONSENT AGENDA

**7. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...RESOLUTION NUMBER
150-22/PAYMENT OF BILLS...RATIFIED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution Number 150-22** resolving to approve payment to vendors **in the total amount of \$2,674,491.73** as set forth in the BCC Approval Invoice Report for Checks dated **October 19, 2022**, BCC Directed Pre-Paid Invoices Report(s) and/or the Procurement Card Transaction Report as presented by the County Auditor on **10/17/2022**, and further authorizing the County Auditor to issue warrants for same pursuant to Section 319.16 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**8. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT... GRANT
OF SEWER EASEMENT WITH RIGHTS OF RE-ENTRY FOR REPAIR
AND REPLACEMENT GRANTED AND CONVEYED TO THE COUNTY
OF CLERMONT, OHIO, FOR PROJECT NUMBER 6402-60202
RELATIVE TO THE BRANCH HILL GUINEA ROAD SEWER
EXTENSION PROJECT LOCATED WITHIN MIAMI TOWNSHIP...22-
0812-005...APPROVED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to accept the following **Grant of Sewer Easement** with Rights of Re-Entry for Repair and Replacement granted and conveyed to the County of Clermont, Ohio, for utility purposes of constructing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, removing or reinstalling sewer utility lines, pumping equipment, manholes and all incidental fixtures required for the transportation of sewage in, on, under and across the property of the Grantors for Project Number 6402-60202 relative to the **Branch Hill Guinea Road Sewer Extension Project** located within Miami Township, with the payment to be remitted to the Grantors by Miami Township in the amounts as outlined below in conjunction with the Memorandum of Understanding with the Miami Township Board of Trustees dated June 16, 2021:

| Grantors | Parcel Number | Compensation |
|---|----------------------|--|
| Stephen P. & Patricia Lindner 6482 Branch Hill Guinea Pike Loveland, Ohio 45140 | 17-25-21F-075. | Perm \$1,489.09 Repairs \$1,000.00 |

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

9. IN RE: CLERMONT TRANSPORTATION CONNECTION...

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ELIMINATION OF FILING FEE RELATIVE TO THE OPERATION OF INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2021 AND 2022...22-0926-002...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to amend the motion relative to the U.S. Department of Transportation Motor Carrier Identification Report, for the operation of interstate transportation services for Calendar Years 2021 and 2022, as ratified by the Board of County Commissioners on 10/05/2022, by removing the payment of the filing fee in the total amount of \$199.00 as self-filing is at no cost.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

10. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY... DESIGNATION OF A NOMINEE FOR APPOINTMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF A MEMBER TO THE CLERMONT COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE...22-1007-002...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to nominate the following individual for appointment to serve on the Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee and to accept the resignation of the following individual, as approved by the Clermont County Local Emergency Planning Committee on 09/22/2022, effective upon approval through 08/14/2023, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 3750.03 (B) of the Ohio Revised Code:

| Resignation | Representation | Organization/Title |
|--|----------------|---|
| Woody Woodmansee 4009 Filager Road Batavia, Ohio 45103 <i>*effective 09/30/2022</i> | Transportation | Clermont County Engineer Highway Superintendent |
| | | |
| Nominee | Representation | Organization/Title |
| Jeff Smith 4009 Filager Road Batavia, Ohio 45103 <i>*to fill the unexpired term of Woody Woodmansee</i> | Transportation | Clermont County Engineer Highway Superintendent |

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

11. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ...RESOLUTION NUMBER 151-22 TO IMPLEMENT, ESTABLISH AND DESCRIBE THE BOUNDARIES OF A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA (CRA), TO DESIGNATE A HOUSING OFFICER, TO CREATE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT HOUSING COUNCIL, TO CREATE A TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL AND TO EXECUTE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA CERTIFICATION DOCUMENT ...22-1003-005...RATIFIED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to adopt **Resolution Number 151-22** to implement, establish and describe parcels 182518I153., 182518K063., 182518K065., 182518K070. and 182518K071., located in Miami Township, as a **Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) to be known as Miami Township Area 2 CRA**; to designate the Director of the Department of Community and Economic Development as **Housing Officer** to administer the Miami Township Area 2 CRA Program; to create a **Community Reinvestment Housing Council**, all according to Ohio Revised Code Sections 3735.65 through 3735.70; to create a **Tax Incentive Review Council** pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5709.85 and to authorize **Bonnie J. Batchler, President**, Board of County Commissioners, to execute the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area Program Petition for Community Reinvestment Area Certification for submission to the State of Ohio Department of Development and to authorize the Clerk of the Board to publish **Resolution Number 151-22** in a newspaper of general circulation for two consecutive weeks, on 10/26/22 and 11/03/22.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter asked Jeff Wright, Miami Township Administrator, who was present today, to provide insight on Miami Township's position on this Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). Mr. Wright expressed his appreciation of the Clermont County Community and Economic Development Department and their work with Miami Township. Mr. Wright is excited about the unique opportunities that this project presents that will have a great impact on the Township, the County and the surrounding area. This project is located at the previous International Paper site. The project provides an attractive location for companies that have outgrown their current spaces as well as new companies. This location could include light manufacturing, housing, restaurants as well as a hotel. He shared that many people have worked on this project and he is excited to see the results. Commissioner Painter acknowledged the partnership between Clermont County and Miami Township which has created such a possibility.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**12. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT...
ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL AND EXECUTION OF THE
CONTRACT WITH DS2 ARCHITECTS LLC FOR ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES TO DESIGN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT (CDBG) PROJECT 2019-06 MONROE TOWNSHIP FIRE
STATION #32 ADDITION...22-0118-011...RATIFIED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to accept the proposal and execute the contract between the Board of County Commissioners, Clermont County, Ohio and **DS2 Architects, LLC, 107 West Second Street, Maysville, Kentucky 41056,** for architectural services for the **design of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project 2019-06 Monroe Township Fire Station #32 Addition** as detailed in Exhibit "A," for a total cost not to exceed \$15,000.00 with design services to be completed within 270 days from the receipt of the signed contract **and contingent upon the receipt of the required Purchase Order.**

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**13. IN RE: DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION...CHANGE
ORDER 1 TO CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH
WOOLPERT, INC., RELATIVE TO THE COUNTYWIDE HYDROLOGY
DELINEATION PROJECT FOR CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO...22-0809-
001...EXECUTED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County

Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to execute Change Order 1 to the Contract for Professional Services between the County of Clermont, Ohio, and Woolpert, Inc., One Easton Oval, Suite 400, Columbus, OH 43219, previously executed 08/24/22, for the Countywide Hydrology Delineation Project for Clermont County, Ohio, to extend the final delivery date for updated hydrology layers for the geographic information system to no later than June 30, 2023, at no additional cost.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

14. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...DESIGNATION OF APPOINTMENTS TO SERVE ON THE CLERMONT COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES...22-1007-001...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Dan Ottke, Superintendent, Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, to appoint the following individuals to serve on the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, pursuant to and in compliance with Section 5126.022 of the Ohio Revised Code:

| Nominee | Term |
|---|---|
| Eric Thompson 497 Mapleport Way Unit B Cincinnati, OH 45255 <i>*to fill the unexpired term of Larry Graham</i> | 08/24/2022 through 12/31/2024 (1 st Term) |
| Elizabeth Jensen 5942 Creekview Drive Milford, Ohio 45150 <i>*to fill the unexpired term of Emily Chestnut</i> | 08/24/2022 through 12/31/2024 (1 st Term) |

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter acknowledged the thorough evaluation provided by Mr. Ottke of these applicants to ensure that the applicants meet the criteria for the Board. Commissioner Batchler acknowledged that prior participation in services is a requirement for these positions.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

15. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT...ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF INTENT TO RENEW THE CONTRACT WITH GSF-USA, INC. FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES AND EXECUTION OF LETTER OF INTENT...21-0804-006...RATIFIED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to acknowledge the letter of intent from GSF-USA, Inc. to renew the Contract for Janitorial Services and for Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute the Letter of Intent to Renew the Contract pursuant to Section 16 of the Contract for Janitorial Services ratified by the Board on 11/03/2021 for the specified buildings listed as Exhibit “C” in the contract, for the period of 11/04/2022 through 11/03/2023, which represents the first of two available one-year renewal options.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**16. IN RE: CLERMONT COUNTY FACILITIES MANAGEMENT...
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VENDOR'S INTENT TO RENEW THE
CONTRACT WITH UBM ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR JANITORIAL
SERVICES AND EXECUTION OF LETTER OF INTENT...21-1029-
001...RATIFIED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to acknowledge the letter of intent from UBM Enterprise, Inc. to renew the Contract for Janitorial Services and for Bonnie J. Batchler, President of the Board of County Commissioners, to execute the Letter of Intent to Renew the Contract pursuant to Section 16 of the Contract for Janitorial Services ratified by the Board on 11/03/2021 for the specified buildings listed as Exhibit "C" in the contract, for the period of 11/04/2022 through 11/03/2023, which represents the first of two available one-year renewal options.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**17. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...SUBORDINATION OF
MORTGAGE RELATIVE TO THE SEPTIC REHABILITATION
FINANCING PROGRAM...22-1013-001...EXECUTED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation of Jason Fountain, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, to authorize Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to execute a Subordination of Mortgage, agreeing to make its certain mortgage subject to and subordinate to a mortgage given by Karah Mueller and William Mueller, to The Huntington National Bank, a national banking association, and The Huntington National Bank ISAOA/ATIMA, in respect to the real property at 5698 Chestnut View Ln, Milford, OH 45150, PIN 302906C053.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner Painter asked for clarification regarding this item. Amy Irwin explained that this item is relative to the Septic Rehabilitation Financing Program and explained this process.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**18. IN RE: BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS...ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF
THE TRANSFER OF ALL CLERMONT COUNTY ELECTRIC UTILITY
ACCOUNTS BACK TO DUKE ENERGY FOR THE SUPPLY OF
ELECTRIC EFFECTIVE WITH THE JANUARY 2023 METER READINGS
AND IN EFFECT THRU THE MAY 2023 METER READINGS...22-1014-
001...ACKNOWLEDGED**

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation to acknowledge the transfer of all Clermont County Electric Service accounts **back to Duke Energy** at the expiration of the current electric rate contract with Lykins Energy which will be effective with the January 2023 meter readings thru the May 2023 meter readings due to the volatility of the current electric market.

DISCUSSION: Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, explained that due to current market circumstances, the best strategy for the County at this time is to return our services to Duke Energy. There will be an increase of fees, but there would be a larger increase if we returned to the market at this time. This will give us the ability to enter the market at a time that may provide more favorable conditions. The bidding process is beginning now and if advantageous bids are submitted, we will be able to take advantage of these.

Commissioner Painter asked about exploring other opportunities or alternative methods to manage costs. Mr. Bickford confirmed that the County would seek these and that the contracted consultant would also seek such methods. Mr. Bickford shared the variation of rates over recent years. He also shared that fuel is only one factor of the equation, as there are also costs related to delivery as well as additional fees.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

19. IN RE: RESOLUTION 152-22 TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OR THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OR THE ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL PRICING AGREEMENT(S) WITH SUPPLIER(S) FOR THE PROVISION OF NATURAL GAS SUPPLY TO ALL CLERMONT COUNTY FACILITIES EFFECTIVE WITH THE DECEMBER 2022 METER READINGS...22-0311-005...ADOPTED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler, that the Board of County Commissioners approve the following recommendation:

Recommendation that the Board of County Commissioners adopt **Resolution 152-22** which authorizes the President of the Board or the County Administrator or the Assistant County Administrator to **execute any pricing agreement for the supply of natural gas** beginning with the December 2022 meter readings and the pricing agreements will be presented to the County by JMI Consultants pursuant to the July 13, 2022 contract for services.

DISCUSSION: Greg Bickford, Assistant County Administrator, explained that this is currently out in market now and we are expecting bids to come in this afternoon. Mr. Bickford discussed the volume of the County's natural gas usage as well as current rates. He is hopeful to receive favorable bids later this afternoon, and the execution of pricing agreements will allow us to move forward with these as needed.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

20. IN RE: TRAINING AND TRAVEL REQUESTS...REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES RELATIVE TO SAME...TABLED

Recommendation to approve the following requests for reimbursement of expenses for training and travel pursuant to the policies and procedures of the Board of County Commissioners and in compliance with the Annual Appropriations for Calendar Year 2022 and any and all amendments:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

David L. Painter – (3) days – Columbus, Ohio – County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) – 2022 Winter Conference – total expenses for lodging (\$400.00), meals (\$96.00), registration (\$475.00) and other (\$1,071.00), estimated not to exceed \$1,071.00.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BATCHLER TO TABLE AGENDA ITEM #20.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER BATCHLER STATED THAT THE BOARD HAD REACHED THE COUNTY STAFF/ELECTED OFFICIAL DISCUSSION SECTION OF THE AGENDA. SHE INQUIRED IF THERE WAS ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. JEREMY EVANS, COUNTY ENGINEER, REQUESTED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

Mr. Evans discussed two bridge replacement and improvement projects in Loveland. Hamilton County reached out to Mr. Evans earlier this year regarding a possible contribution to the West Loveland Bridge Project. Mr. Evans requested that the Board consider funding this project through ARPA funds.

Commissioner Painter shared that there are many avenues available for bridge work and asked Mr. Evans if he has sought any of these. Mr. Evans expressed that due to the timing of this project, they will not be able to receive funding elsewhere.

Dave Kennedy, City of Loveland, further explained the project. There was a delay in moving forward with the project due to the presence of conduit in the sidewalks, which has now been moved or is ready to be moved. Therefore, the project is now ready to move forward. He shared the critical nature of this project as well as the impact that it will have on the area.

Commissioner Batchler asked Thomas J. Eigel, County Administrator, to check to see if ARPA funds may be utilized for this project and to provide an update next week. Mr. Eigel shared that this project would need to come out of the Lost Revenue bucket of ARPA funds and indicated that approximately \$7.9 million remains in this fund.

Commissioner Painter asked if Mr. Evans is recommending that the County contribute this funding. Mr. Evans indicated that he would recommend doing so. (22-0103-004)

LET THE RECORD SHOW: A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BATCHLER, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WEST LOVELAND BRIDGE PROJECT WITH A CONTRIBUTION OF \$225,000.00 AS RECOMMENDED BY JEREMY EVANS, COUNTY ENGINEER.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER PAINTER AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER BATCHLER, TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 10:48 A.M. PURSUANT SECTIONS 121.22 (G)(1) AND 121.22 (G)(3) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE 1) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL OR DISCIPLINE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND 2) TO CONFER WITH THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CONCERNING DISPUTES INVOLVING THE PUBLIC BODY THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RESUMED REGULAR SESSION AT 11:34 AM. AFTER HAVING DISCUSSED THE EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL OR DISCIPLINE OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE AND CONFERRING WITH THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY CONCERNING DISPUTES INVOLVING THE PUBLIC BODY THAT ARE THE SUBJECT OF PENDING OR IMMINENT COURT ACTION, WITH NO ACTION TAKEN AND NO DECISIONS MADE.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: COMMISSIONER BATCHLER OPENED THE MEETING FOR BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Painter said that today's meeting was great, with the presentation and participation by those in attendance today. The development taking place within the county will provide jobs that will support Clermont County families. He discussed the volatile market related to energy usage and how the County needs to be flexible on which route to take in order to save money when possible. Commissioner Painter also reminded everyone of Operation Green Light and Veteran's Day. He encouraged everyone to obtain their green bulbs to show support for veterans.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Batchler is excited to fund the project for the City of Loveland, expressing her appreciation of the city.

LET THE RECORD SHOW: Commissioner Painter discussed the County's partnership and role in assisting with both the City of Loveland and Miami Township.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT...APPROVED

Moved by Commissioner Painter, seconded by Commissioner Batchler,

That the Board of County Commissioners, noting no further business to come before the commission for legislative action, adjourned this Regular Session at 11:37 A.M. until the next regularly scheduled session to be held at a later date.

Upon roll call on the foregoing motion, the vote was as follows:

Commissioner Painter, Yes; Commissioner Batchler, Yes; Commissioner Corcoran, Absent.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO**

BONNIE J. BATCHLER, PRESIDENT

DAVID L. PAINTER, VICE PRESIDENT

ABSENT
CLAIRE B. CORCORAN, MEMBER

GAEL FAWLEY, CLERK OF THE BOARD

10/26/2022
DATE APPROVED